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**To All Dam Owners**


I am sure that you are all aware of the pending potential electronic or computer difficulties posed by the approach of Year 2000. We in the Department of Water Resources have been pursuing Year 2000 compliance since the fall of 1996. I assume many dam owning organizations have also been at the task for a similar length of time.

This letter is a request that you verify Year 2000 compliance for any system you employ that under mis-operation could endanger life, property, or the safety of the dam. Obvious items of concern are automated control systems for gates and valves. Instrumentation and electronic-reporting systems could also be affected. Since each dam is unique, we will not produce a checklist, but ask that you evaluate each component of your individual dam(s) for Year 2000 compliance. We will be pleased to provide advice if you so desire.

The Division recognizes that many rural and agricultural dams and their appurtenances have no automated controls; however, we are requesting that dam owners respond in writing by June 30, 1999. Identification of all Year 2000 sensitive components and a statement of compliance status should be included. For your convenience in reporting, we have included a printed form for each of your dam(s) and a stamped return envelope.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have questions, please contact Area Engineer David Borger at (916) 323-5312 or Regional Engineer Frederick Sage at (916) 323-1421.

Sincerely,

  
Vernon H. Persson, Chief  
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